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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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| VALERIE THAMES, et al.,   | ) | No. C 08-2617 JCS                   |
|                           | ) |                                     |
| Plaintiffs,               | ) | <b>DECLINATION TO PROCEED</b>       |
|                           | ) | <b>BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE</b>    |
| v.                        | ) | <b>AND REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT</b> |
|                           | ) | <b>TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT</b>  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) | <b>JUDGE</b>                        |
|                           | ) |                                     |
| Defendant.                | ) |                                     |

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

The undersigned party in the above-captioned civil matter hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: July 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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